

Deaf officers in the Revenue Department.

247. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any officer in the Revenue Department drawing above Rs. 40, who is deaf;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether the said officer uses any artificial appliance; and

(c) whether the said officer has to deal with parties?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(a) (b) & (c) Yes. There are four officers who are reported to be slightly deaf. One of them uses artificial appliance, and he has to deal with parties.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I ask whether the four deaf officers—

PRESIDENT: I wish they were here now. (*Laughter.*)

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the four deaf officers of the Land Revenue Department have completed their 25 years of service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That information is not now before me.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Have these officers been asked to appear before the Medical Board?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I find that these officers are able to carry on their work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is deafness a disqualification for public service, generally?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Not generally, unless it is a case of total deafness; but in some cases, it is a disqualification.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Have the Government received any complaint about these officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know the names of these officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Mr. Chidambara Aiyar, Melkanganam Tahsildar; Mr. Raman Menon, late Tahsildar, Ambalapuzha; Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar, Income Tax Clerk; and Mr. Sankarasubramonya Aiyar, Ag. Head Accountant.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Who is the officer using some kind of artificial appliance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Melkanganam Tahsildar.